

# A Robust and Light Weight Authentication Framework for Hadoop File System in Cloud Computing Environment

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## ABSTRACT

The advancement of web and mobile technologies results in the rapid augmentation of traditional enterprise data, IoT generated data, social media data which outcomes in peta bytes and exa bytes of structured and un structured data across clusters of servers per day. The storage, processing, analyzing and securing these big data is becoming a serious concern to large and medium enterprises. Hadoop or HDFS is a distributed file system based on cloud for storage and processing of large voluminous amounts of data across clusters of servers. Along with huge potential for dynamism for processing and scalability, HDFS also brought inherent security drawbacks like lack of authentication and authorization of remote user connecting to cluster, missing of encryption of sensitive data at communication, storage and processing levels. These existing drawbacks demands for a robust, light weight security framework for HDFS. In this context, we propose a secure and light weight remote user authentication framework for HDFS, which guarantees all the critical security requirements of a distributed file system.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The advancement of web, communication and sensor technologies results in the rapid augmentation of data from various sources like enterprise, Internet of Things, social media which results in 2.5 quintillion bytes of structured and un structured data per day [1]. The storage, processing, analyzing and securing these big data is becoming a serious concern to large and medium enterprises. To cater the enterprise data storage and processing needs, Apache developed Hadoop project which is a java based, open-source framework for distributed storage and processing of enterprise data. Clusters form heart of Hadoop file system, which stores peta bytes of data and have ability to scale according to dynamic processing needs of e-commerce enterprises.

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The e-commerce giants like facebook, amazon and search engine giants like google, yahoo are using hadoop to handle their dynamic data storage, retrieval and processing needs. Even though HDFS is best suited for data storage and processing needs, it suffers its lower in enterprise data security [2, 3,12]. The latest version of HDFS has very elementary implementation of security features [2,6,10,12], in which the access control mechanism is optional or advisory. As HDFS runs on top of UNIX operating system, hdfs relies on unix for user authentication, hdfs authenticates the user trying to login by querying the unix for 'whoami' command and based on the UNIX reply it authenticates the user [3].In hdfs, any user can connect directly to datanode by bypassing the namenode and can perform 'store', 'read' operations or execution of command [6].The same was demonstrated at the latest Cloudera's Hadoop Hackathon. Due to these above discussed pitfalls in HDFS, the enterprises running on Hadoop are vulnerable to the following attacks [6]: Impersonation Attack: Unauthorized clients can mimic or imitate as authorized users and can access the datanodes of cluster.

Node or Cluster head Bypass Attack: The attacker can execute the command on the data blocks of datanodes by bypassing the cluster head or namenode.

Eavesdropping/ passive attack: The attacker can sniff the data packets exchanged between client and datanodes, due to plaintext transferring of the data.

Authentication in HDFS is a potential area, in which a slight quantity of end to end security analysis has been deliberated [2,3,6,13]. Also very few [4,5,7,8,9,11,13,14] authentication and authorization frameworks has been proposed by exploring various practices like Elliptic Curve Cryptography [12], Wireless Sensor Networks [15] etc., which are having their own drawbacks like using heavy weight cryptographic operations or vulnerable to cryptographic attacks. Rahul et al [1] have proposed an authentication frame work using heavy weight cryptographic operations like encryption/decryption etc., which are resource consuming and vulnerable to replay attack etc. Nivethitha et al [4] have proposed authentication framework based on one time pad using heavy weight cryptographic operations like encryption etc. Sadhasivam et al [5] have proposed an authentication frameworks using properties of medians of a triangle, which also consumes computation cost. Ibrahim et al [9] proposed authentication frameworks based on trusted computing.

In these next segments, we briefly discuss on existing hadoop architecture in section 2. In section 3, we analyze our proposed security framework for HDFS. In section4, we will analyze the security strengths of our proposed scheme. In section 5 study the cost and security analysis of our proposed scheme against various recently proposed schemes. In section 6, we conclude the manuscript.

## 2. PROPOSED SECURITY FRAMEWORK FOR HADOOP DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM

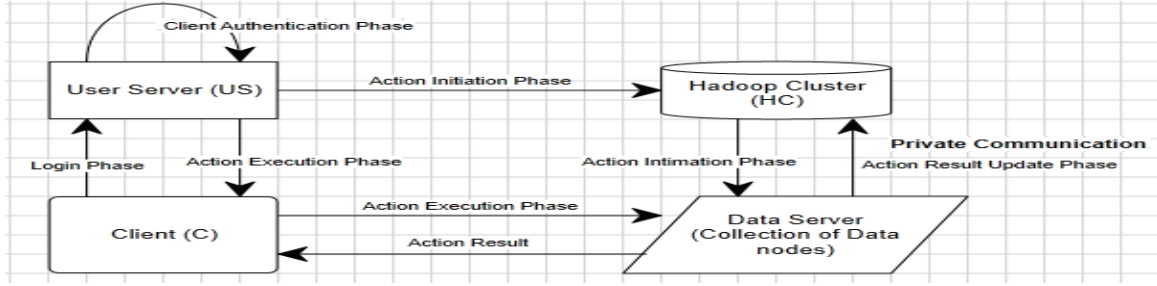


Figure 1. The above figure illustrates our proposed authentication and authorization framework for Hadoop/HDFS.

$C_i$ : the  $i^{th}$  client, connecting to data node to complete the 'action'.  
 'action': action is a sub set of operations {read, write, cmd} which  $C_i$  executes on data node.  
 $ID_i$ : the identity of  $C_i$ .  
 $PW_i$ : the password of  $C_i$ .  
 $US_j$ : the identity of user server, which acts as an interface to  $C_i$  and hadoop cluster.  
 $CH_k$ : the  $K^{th}$  cluster head. (also Name node)  
 $ID_{CH_k}$ : Identity of cluster head  $CH_k$   
 $data\_node\_id$ : list of id's of nodes on which  $C_i$  can perform read or write or cmd execution.  
 $K_{cus}$ : the secret key known to  $C_i$  and  $US_j$ .  
 $K_{sch}$ : the secret key shared between  $US_j$  and  $CH_k$ .  
 $K_{sdn}$ : the secret key shared between  $US_j$  and data node  
 $X$ : the  $US_j$  long term secret key.  
 $R_c$ : the arbitrary number chosen by  $US_j$  for  $C_i$  during registration stage.  
 $R_{dn}$ : the arbitrary number chosen  $US_j$  for  $CH_k$  during 'action' initiation phase.  
 $h(.)$ : a secure one-way and collision resistant hash function.  
 $\oplus$ : the exclusive – OR (XOR) operation.  
 $\parallel$ : Concatenation Operator.  
 $U_i$ : A user.  $C_i$  or  $U_i$  can be used interchangeably.

### 2.1 The order of execution phases in our proposed scheme and communication entities involved in those phases are given below

- Client Registration phase:  $C_i \rightarrow US_j$
- Client Login phase:  $C_i \rightarrow US_j$
- Client Authentication phase:  $C_i \rightarrow US_j$
- 'Action' initiation phase:  $US_j \rightarrow CH_k$
- 'Action' intimation phase:  $CH_k \rightarrow data\_node\_id$
- 'Action' execution phase:  $C_i \rightarrow data\_node\_id$

### 2.2 Pre Deployment Phase

Each cluster head is assigned with an identity  $ID_{CH_k}$   $1 \leq k \leq m$  where 'm' is the number of cluster heads. Each user server  $US_j$  and cluster head  $CH_k$  shares a symmetric secret key  $K_{sch}$ .

Each user server ( $US_j$ ) and data node shares a symmetric secret key  $K_{sdn}$ .

### 2.3 Client Registration Phase

**Client( $C_i$ )( $K_{cus}$ )**      **User Server( $US_j$ )( $K_{cus}$ )**  
 $HID_i = h(ID_i \parallel X) \rightarrow K_i = K_{cus} \oplus h(ID_i \oplus X), A_i, R_i$

Select  $PW_i$  and an arbitrary number  $a_i$   
 $C_i$  computes:  $APW_i = h(a_i \oplus PW_i)$   
 $HAPW_i = APW_i \oplus h(K_{cus} \oplus T1)$   
 $\{ID_i, HAPW_i, T1\}$

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**Computes:**  
 $HID_i = h(ID_i \parallel X)$   
 Index for  $HID_i$  to get  $K_i$ .  
 $K_{cus} = K_i \oplus h(ID_i \oplus X)$ ,  $HK = h(K_{cus} \oplus T1)$   
 $APW_i = HAPW_i \oplus HK$   
 Generate  $R_c$   
 $V_i = h(ID_i \parallel R_c \parallel APW_i \parallel X)$   
 $R_i = R_c \oplus h(ID_i \parallel K_{cus} \parallel APW_i)$   
 $K_i = K_{cus} \oplus h(ID_i \parallel X)$   
 $A_i = APW_i \oplus h(X \parallel K_{cus} \parallel ID_i)$

$US_j$  updates its data base entry for  $C_i$  and stores  $A_i, R_i$ .  
 $\{V_i, R_i, h(.)\}$

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This phase is invoked whenever a client  $C_i$  needs to register with the user server ( $US_j$ ) to access the hadoop resources.

(R1).  $C_i$  opts his password  $PW_i$  and an arbitrary number  $a_i$ .  $C_i$  computes masked password  $APW_i = h(a_i \oplus PW_i)$ ,  $HAPW_i = APW_i \oplus h(K_{cus} \oplus T1)$  and submits the registration request  $\{ID_i, HAPW_i, T1\}$  to  $US_j$ .

(R2) On receiving the registration request  $\{ID_i, HAPW_i, T1\}$ ,  $US_j$  computes  $HID_i = h(ID_i \parallel X)$  and indexes its data base for  $HID_i$  and retrieves  $K_i$  (which is already stored during pre-initialization phase).  $C_i$  intercepts  $K_{cus}$  from  $K_i$  i.e.  $K_{cus} = K_i \oplus HID_i$  and computes  $HK = h(K_{cus} \oplus T1)$ .  $K_{cus}$  is the secret key shared between  $C_i$  and  $US_j$  during pre-initialization phase.

(R3)  $US_j$  retrieves  $APW_i$  from  $APW_i = HAPW_i \oplus HK$ .  $US_j$  generates a random number  $R_c$ , and computes  $V_i = h(ID_i \parallel R_c \parallel APW_i \parallel X)$ ,  $R_i = R_c \oplus h(ID_i \parallel K_{cus} \parallel APW_i)$ .

(R4) To authenticate the user for future logins, the  $US_j$  stores the variables  $A_i = APW_i \oplus h(X \parallel K_{cus} \parallel ID_i)$ ,  $R_i = R_c \oplus h(ID_i \parallel K_{cus} \parallel APW_i)$  in its data base against the index  $h(ID_i \parallel X)$ . i.e.  $H(ID_i \parallel X) \rightarrow K_i = K_{cus} \oplus h(ID_i \oplus X), A_i, R_i$ .

(R5) The  $US_j$  forwards the values  $\{V_i, R_i, h(.)\}$  through a secure communication channel to  $U_i$ .

### 2.4 Client Login Phase:

**Client(C<sub>i</sub>)(K<sub>cus</sub>)**  
**(HID<sub>i</sub> = h(ID<sub>i</sub>||X) - >K<sub>i</sub>, A<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>i</sub>)**

**User Server(US<sub>j</sub>)(K<sub>cus</sub>)**

Computes:

RAPW<sub>i</sub> = h(R<sub>c</sub> ⊕ K<sub>cus</sub> ⊕ APW<sub>i</sub> ⊕ T2),  
M1 = (action, V<sub>i</sub>) ⊕ RAPW<sub>i</sub>

{ID<sub>i</sub>, M1, T2}

Whenever the registered client C<sub>i</sub> is in need of data storage or data access or execution of a command through HDFS, C<sub>i</sub> can login to the HDFS system via user server (US<sub>j</sub>) as follows:

(L1) The client C<sub>i</sub> computes RAPW<sub>i</sub> = h(R<sub>c</sub> ⊕ K<sub>cus</sub> ⊕ APW<sub>i</sub> ⊕ T2) using the secret key shared between C<sub>i</sub> and US<sub>j</sub> i.e K<sub>cus</sub>, the random number assigned by US<sub>j</sub> to C<sub>i</sub> i.e R<sub>c</sub>, APW<sub>i</sub> and the current time T2.

(L2) The client C<sub>i</sub> computes M<sub>i</sub> = (action, V<sub>i</sub>) ⊕ RAPW<sub>i</sub>, and submits the login request {ID<sub>i</sub>, M1, T2} at time T2 to user server US<sub>j</sub>.

## 2.5 Client Authentication Phase:

**Client(C<sub>i</sub>)(K<sub>cus</sub>)**

**User Server(US<sub>j</sub>)(K<sub>cus</sub>)**  
**(HID<sub>i</sub> = h(ID<sub>i</sub>||X) - >K<sub>i</sub>, A<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>i</sub>)**

{ID<sub>i</sub>, M1, T2}

Receive the request at time T2\*  
Verify: (T2\* - T2) ≤ Δt,

Compute: HID<sub>i</sub> = h(ID<sub>i</sub>||X), as the server knows his secret key 'X'

Retrieve A<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>i</sub>, K<sub>i</sub>  
K<sub>cus</sub>\* = K<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(ID<sub>i</sub>||X)  
APW<sub>i</sub>\* = A<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(X||K<sub>cus</sub>||ID<sub>i</sub>)  
R<sub>c</sub>\* = R<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(ID<sub>i</sub>||K<sub>cus</sub>||APW<sub>i</sub>)  
V<sub>i</sub>\* = h(ID<sub>i</sub>\*||R<sub>c</sub>\*||APW<sub>i</sub>\*||X)  
RAPW<sub>i</sub>\* = h(R<sub>c</sub>\* ⊕ K<sub>cus</sub>\* ⊕ APW<sub>i</sub>\* ⊕ T2)  
(action, V<sub>i</sub>) = M<sub>i</sub> ⊕ RAPW<sub>i</sub>\*.  
Verify V<sub>i</sub>\* (computed) = V<sub>i</sub> (received).  
If Yes, C<sub>i</sub> is authenticated.

(A1) On receiving the login request from C<sub>i</sub> at time T2\*, the US<sub>j</sub> validates the time of reception i.e (T2\* - T2) ≤ Δt, on validating the time interval, US<sub>j</sub> proceeds to compute HID<sub>i</sub> = h(ID<sub>i</sub>||X) and indexes the data base for HID<sub>i</sub> and retrieves the stored values A<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>i</sub>, K<sub>i</sub>.

(A2) On retrieving A<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>i</sub>, K<sub>i</sub>, US<sub>j</sub> retrieves K<sub>cus</sub>\* = K<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(ID<sub>i</sub>||X), APW<sub>i</sub>\* = A<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(X||K<sub>cus</sub>||ID<sub>i</sub>), R<sub>c</sub>\* = R<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(ID<sub>i</sub>||K<sub>cus</sub>||APW<sub>i</sub>) and computes V<sub>i</sub>\* = h(ID<sub>i</sub>\*||R<sub>c</sub>\*||APW<sub>i</sub>\*||X).

(A3) US<sub>j</sub> computes RAPW<sub>i</sub>\* = h(R<sub>c</sub>\* ⊕ K<sub>cus</sub>\* ⊕ APW<sub>i</sub>\* ⊕ T2) and retrieves (action, V<sub>i</sub>) = M<sub>i</sub> ⊕ RAPW<sub>i</sub>\*.

(A4) US<sub>j</sub> compares the retrieved V<sub>i</sub> with the computed V<sub>i</sub>\*. If both are equal, the client C<sub>i</sub> is authenticated by US<sub>j</sub>. On authenticating the client C<sub>i</sub>, US<sub>j</sub> must contact the dataserver via name node or cluster head to execute the 'action' task required by C<sub>i</sub>. To achieve the same, US<sub>j</sub> performs the subsequent steps:

## 2.6 'Action' Initiation Phase:

**User Server (US<sub>j</sub>)(K<sub>sch</sub>)**  
(ID<sub>us</sub>, R<sub>dn</sub>, Status)

**Cluster Head(CH<sub>k</sub>)(K<sub>sch</sub>)**

Generate a random number R<sub>dn</sub>

R<sub>SCH</sub> = h(K<sub>sch</sub> ⊕ ID<sub>us</sub>),

MUS<sub>i</sub> = (action|| R<sub>c</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>i</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>) ⊕ R<sub>SCH</sub>

{ID<sub>i</sub>, ID<sub>us</sub>, MUS<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>dn</sub>}

Retrieve K<sub>sch</sub> based on ID<sub>us</sub>.

Compute: R<sub>SCH</sub> = h(K<sub>sch</sub>||ID<sub>us</sub>)

MUS<sub>i</sub> ⊕ R<sub>SCH</sub> = (action|| R<sub>c</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>i</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>)

Retrieve the stored R<sub>dn</sub>, status if any, based on ID<sub>us</sub>.

If Status = 1, reject the request from CH<sub>k</sub>.

if there is no entry for ID<sub>us</sub>, make an entry <ID<sub>us</sub>, R<sub>dn</sub>, Status=0> in the data base

// Names node checks the meta data and collects the list of data nodes useful for successful execution of 'action' request by C<sub>i</sub> //

MCH<sub>i</sub> = (data\_node\_id||ID<sub>i</sub>||R<sub>dn</sub>||ID<sub>us</sub>) ⊕ h(R<sub>dn</sub>||K<sub>sch</sub>||R<sub>c</sub>)  
{ID<sub>us</sub>, MCH<sub>i</sub>}

Retrieves

MCH<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(R<sub>dn</sub>||K<sub>sch</sub>) = (data\_node\_id||ID<sub>i</sub>||R<sub>dn</sub>||ID<sub>us</sub>)

The user server US<sub>j</sub> connects to the name node or cluster head (CH<sub>k</sub>) and submits the data request raised by the client C<sub>i</sub>.

(A11) US<sub>j</sub> generates a random number R<sub>dn</sub> and computes R<sub>SCH</sub> = h(K<sub>sch</sub> ⊕ ID<sub>i</sub>), MUS<sub>i</sub> = (action|| R<sub>c</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>i</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>) ⊕ R<sub>SCH</sub>.

(A12) US<sub>j</sub> submits the action request {ID<sub>i</sub>, ID<sub>us</sub>, MUS<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>dn</sub>} to the cluster head (CH<sub>k</sub>).

(A13) On receiving the action request from US<sub>j</sub>, based on ID<sub>us</sub>, CH<sub>k</sub> retrieves the secret key K<sub>sch</sub> which is shared between US<sub>j</sub> and CH<sub>k</sub>.

(A14) CH<sub>k</sub> computes K<sub>SCH</sub> = h(K<sub>sch</sub>||ID<sub>i</sub>) and retrieves (action|| R<sub>c</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>i</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>) from MUS<sub>i</sub>, i.e MUS<sub>i</sub> ⊕ K<sub>SCH</sub> = (action|| R<sub>c</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>i</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>).

(A15) Based on ID<sub>us</sub> and R<sub>dn</sub> combination, CH<sub>k</sub> checks the database entry for ID<sub>us</sub> and R<sub>dn</sub> combination. If any entry is found, CH<sub>k</sub> checks the 'Status' flag, if it is 1, then CH<sub>k</sub> confirms that it is a replay message and rejects the request, else proceeds further.

(A16) Based on the 'action' field, the name node checks the meta data and finalize the list of data nodes i.e data\_node\_id is required to process the 'action' task.

(A17) CH<sub>k</sub> computes MCH<sub>i</sub> = (data\_node\_id||ID<sub>i</sub>||R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>) ⊕ h(R<sub>dn</sub>||K<sub>sch</sub>) and reply back to US<sub>j</sub> with the message {ID<sub>us</sub>, MCH<sub>i</sub>}.

(A18) On receiving the reply message from the cluster head CH<sub>k</sub>, US<sub>j</sub> computes MCH<sub>i</sub> ⊕ h(R<sub>dn</sub>||K<sub>sch</sub>) = (data\_node\_id||ID<sub>i</sub>||R<sub>dn</sub>|| ID<sub>us</sub>) to retrieve the list of data nodes i.e data\_node\_id. US<sub>j</sub> validates the request by cross checking the arbitrary number R<sub>dn</sub> and its id ID<sub>us</sub>.

On intercepting the data\_node\_id, US<sub>j</sub> performs a sequence of steps which are in lined below.

## 2.7 'Action' intimation phase:

**Name Node or Cluster Head(CH<sub>k</sub>)(K<sub>chs</sub>)**

**Data Node**

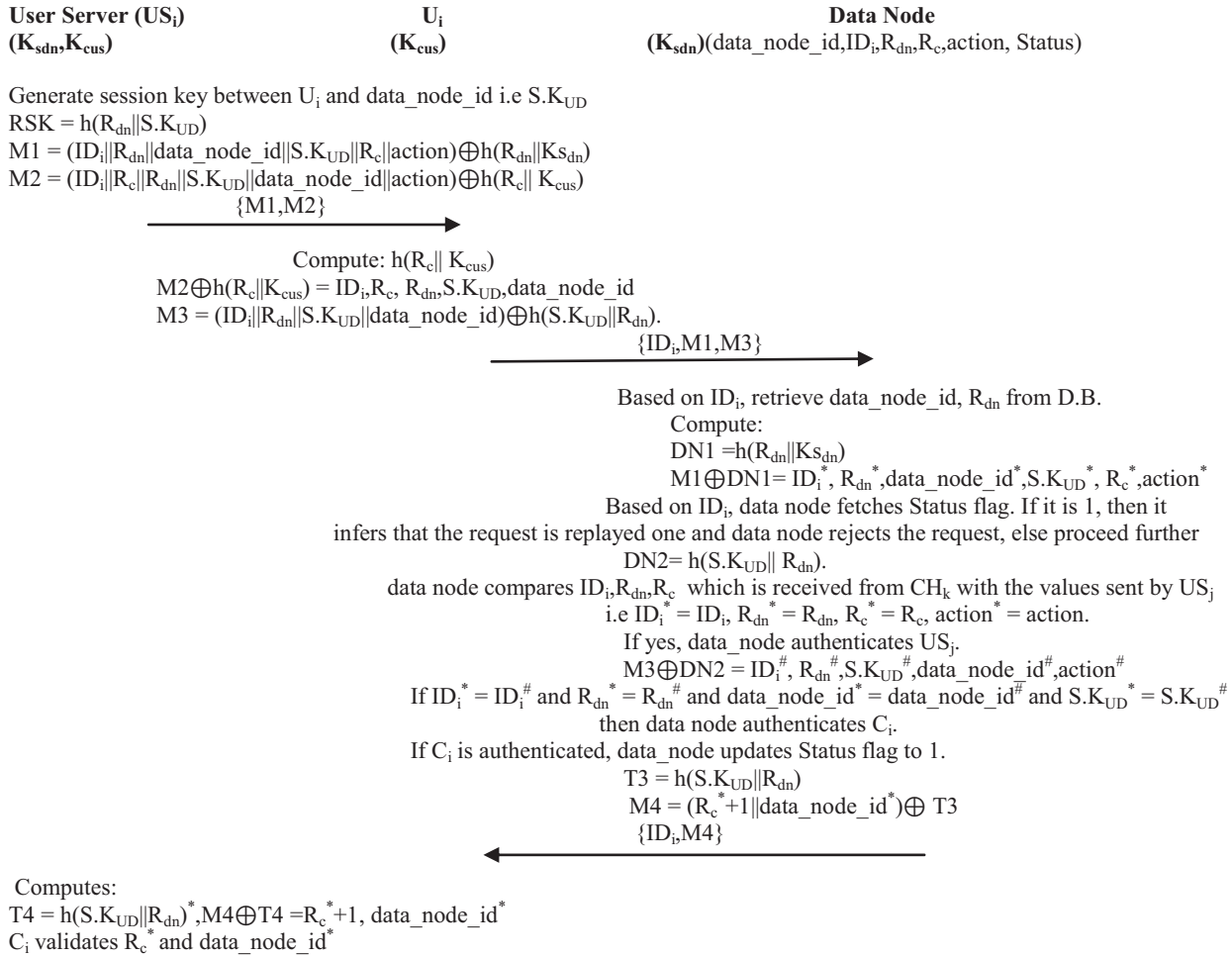
(ID<sub>i</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| R<sub>c</sub>|| action|| data\_node\_id)

On finalizing the data node list for the 'action' request made by US<sub>j</sub>, the cluster head updates the datanodes in the data list with a message (ID<sub>i</sub>|| R<sub>dn</sub>|| R<sub>c</sub>|| action|| data\_node\_id). Data node intercepts the message to get ID<sub>i</sub>, R<sub>dn</sub>, R<sub>c</sub>, action, data\_node\_id. The message from CH<sub>k</sub>, instructs the data nodes that, a client with identity ID<sub>i</sub> and chosen random numbers R<sub>dn</sub>, R<sub>c</sub> will contact to execute 'action' task.

## 2.8 'Action' execution phase:

(AE1)  $US_j$  generates the session key  $S.K_{UD}$  which is to be used to exchange the data securely between  $C_i$  and  $data\_node\_id$ .  
 (AE2)  $US_j$  computes  $RSK = h(R_{dn}||S.K_{UD})$  where  $R_{dn}$  is the random number used to frame the action request  $\{ID_i, ID_{us}, MUS_i, R_{dn}\}$  which  $US_j$  submitted to the cluster head ( $CH_k$ ).  
 (AE3)  $US_j$  computes  $M1 = (ID_i||R_{dn}||data\_node\_id|| S.K_{UD}||R_c) \oplus h(R_{dn}||K_{udn})$ ,  $M2 = (ID_i||R_c||R_{dn}||S.K_{UD}||data\_node\_id) \oplus h(R_c||K_{cus})$  and submits the reply  $\{M1, M2\}$  to the client  $C_i$ .  $M1$  is meant for data node and  $M2$  is for  $C_i$ .  
 (AE4) On receiving the reply from  $US_j$ ,  $C_i$  computes  $HK_{CUS} = h(R_c||K_{cus})$  (as the  $C_i$  knows both  $R_c$  and  $K_{cus}$ ) and verifies whether the received  $R_c$  is equal to  $R_c$  it received from  $US_j$  in login request. If both are same, then  $U_i$  authenticates  $US_j$  and proceeds further.  
 (AE5)  $C_i$  intercepts  $ID_i, R_c, R_{dn}, S.K_{UD}, data\_node\_id$  from  $M2 \oplus HK_{CUS}$  and computes  $M3 = (ID_i||R_{dn}||S.K_{UD}||data\_node\_id) \oplus h(S.K_{UD}||R_{dn})$ .  
 (AE6)  $C_i$  submits the action execution request  $\{ID_i, M1, M3\}$  to data server/data node.  
 (AE7) On receiving the action execution request from  $C_i$ , the data node retrieves the list of data nodes required to execute the 'action' request raised by  $C_i$ , i.e.  $data\_node\_id, R_{dn}, Status$  from D.B.  
 (AE8) if the 'Status' flag is set to 1, then the request was processed earlier and the data node rejects the request, else proceeds further.

(AE9) Data node proceeds to compute  $T1 = h(R_{dn}||K_{udn})$ ,  $M1 \oplus T1 = ID_i^*, R_{dn}^*, data\_node\_id^*, S.K_{UD}^*, R_c^*$ . Data node compares  $ID_i^*, R_{dn}^*, R_c^*$ , action\* received from  $C_i$  against  $ID_i, R_{dn}, R_c$ , action received from  $CH_k$ . If all values are valid, then data\_node validates the 'action' request.  
 (AE10) Data node proceeds to compute  $T2 = h(S.K_{UD}||R_{dn})$ ,  $M3 \oplus T2 = ID_i^#, R_{dn}^#, S.K_{UD}^#, data\_node\_id^#$ . Data node compares if  $ID_i^* = ID_i^#$  and  $R_{dn}^* = R_{dn}^#$  and  $data\_node\_id^* = data\_node\_id^#$  and  $S.K_{UD}^* = S.K_{UD}^#$  then data node authenticates  $C_i$  and  $US_i$ .  
 (AE11) Once the  $C_i$  is authenticated by data node, the data node proceeds to compute  $T3 = h(S.K_{UD}||R_{dn})$  and  $M4 = (R_c^* + 1 || data\_node\_id^*) \oplus T3$  and responds back to  $C_i$  with the message  $\{ID_i, M4\}$ .  
 (AE12) On receiving the reply message from the data node,  $C_i$  computes  $T4 = h(S.K_{UD}||R_{dn})$ ,  $M4 \oplus T4 = R_c^* + 1, data\_node\_id^*$ ,  $U_i$  validates  $R_c^*$  and  $data\_node\_id^*$ . if both are valid  $U_i$  authenticates data node.  
 (AE13) if the action is 'retrieve', then the data node retrieves the data from its blocks and reply back to  $C_i$  i.e.  $data\_retrieved \oplus h(S.K)$ .  
 (AE14) if the action is 'store' the data node stores the data in its data blocks and reply back the status of store operation i.e. success or failure. (Success)  $\oplus h(S.K)$  else ('Fail')  $\oplus h(S.K)$ .  
 (AE15) On successful completion of 'action' request, data node updates the 'Status' flag to 1, as the 'action' request from  $C_i$  corresponding to the arbitrary number is  $R_{dn}$  is successfully done.





(AE16) As shown in the above diagram, on successful completion of ‘action’ execute request by  $C_i$ , datanode updates the same to  $CH_k$  as a reply to ‘action’ intimation message i.e phase i.e ( $ID_i || R_{dn} || R_c || action || data\_node\_id$ ). The reply is ( $ID_i || R_{dn} || R_c || action || data\_node\_id || Status$ ). On receiving the message from the data node,  $CH_k$  updates the ‘Status’ value against  $ID_{us}$ ,  $R_{dn}$  combination to resist the replay attacks.

### 3. SECURITY ANALYSIS OF IMPROVED SCHEME

#### 3.1 Counter to User Impersonation Attack (Authentication)

To mimic as a legal user  $C_i$  to user server  $US_j$ , the attacker ‘E’ must frame the valid login request  $\{ID_i, M1, T2\}$  where

**Table 1. The equations accessible to attackers and the values known and unknown to them.**

Equation	Equations in full form	Variables Unknown	Variables known
$\{ID_i, M1, T2\}$	$M1 = (action, V_i) \oplus RAPW_i$ $RAPW_i = h(R_c \oplus K_{cus} \oplus h(a_i \oplus PW_i) \oplus T2)$	$K_{cus}, R_c, a_i, PW_i, action, V_i$	$T2, ID_i$
$\{ID_i, ID_{us}, MUS_i, dn\}$	$MUS_i = (action    R_c    R_{dn}    ID_i    ID_{us}) \oplus R_{SCH}$ $R_{SCH} = h(K_{sch} \oplus ID_i)$	$K_{sch}, action, R_c$	$ID_i, ID_{us}, R_{dn}$
$\{ID_{us}, MCH_i\}$	$MCH_i = (data\_node\_id    ID_i    R_{dn}) \oplus h(R_{dn}    K_{sch}    R_c)$	$data\_node\_id, K_{sch}, R_c$	$ID_i, R_{dn}$
$\{M1, M2\}$	$M1 = (ID_i    R_{dn}    data\_node\_id    S.K_{UD}    R_c    action) \oplus h(R_{dn}    K_{s_{dn}})$ $M2 = (ID_i    R_c    R_{dn}    S.K_{UD}    data\_node\_id    action) \oplus h(R_c    K_{cus})$	$data\_node\_id, S.K_{UD}, R_c, action, K_{s_{dn}}, K_{cus}$	$ID_i, R_{dn}$
$\{ID_i, M1, M3\}$	$M3 = (ID_i    R_{dn}    S.K_{UD}    data\_node\_id) \oplus h(S.K_{UD}    R_{dn})$	$S.K_{UD}, data\_node\_id$	$ID_i, R_{dn}$
$\{ID_i, M4\}$	$M4 = (R_c^* + 1    data\_node\_id^*) \oplus T3$	$R_c, data\_node\_id, T3$	None

#### 3.2 Counter to Replay Attack (Authentication)

An attacker ‘E’ wish to replay a login request message sent by  $U_i$  to data node, ‘E’ can intercept the message from  $C_i$  i.e  $\{ID_i, M1, M3\}$  and forward the same to data node. As discussed in (AE16) of ‘action’ execution phase, on successful completion of ‘action’ request of  $C_i$ , based on  $ID_i$  and  $R_{dn}$ , the data node updates the ‘Status’ flag related to  $C_i$  and  $R_{dn}$  combination to 1. If the data node receives the replay messages, it retrieves ‘Status’ flag values based on  $ID_i$  and  $R_{dn}$  combination. If Status flag is 1, it implies that the request is replayed one and already processed. Hence, data node rejects the ‘action’ execution request from  $C_i$ . Therefore, it is concluded that our scheme is resistant to replay attacks.

#### 3.3 Counter to Server Masquerade Attack

To deceive as a user server  $US_j$ , the attacker ‘E’ must send a message  $\{M1, M2\}$  where  $M1 = (ID_i || R_{dn} || data\_node\_id || S.K_{UD} || R_c || action) \oplus h(R_{dn} || K_{s_{dn}})$ ,  $M2 = (ID_i || R_c || R_{dn} || S.K_{UD} || data\_node\_id || action) \oplus h(R_c || K_{cus})$  to  $C_i$ . As shown in the table 1, the attacker ‘E’ must know the values i.e  $data\_node\_id, S.K_{UD}, R_c, action, K_{s_{dn}}, K_{cus}$  to successfully frame valid  $M1, M2$ . It is computationally infeasible to guess or compute or intercept  $data\_node\_id, S.K_{UD}, R_c, action, K_{s_{dn}}, K_{cus}$  successfully. Hence, we can conclude that our scheme resists server masquerade attack.

#### 3.4 Counter to Password Guessing attack

The only scope for an attacker ‘E’ to get  $PW_i$  of  $C_i$  is the login request  $\{ID_i, M1, T2\}$  where  $M1 = (action, V_i) \oplus RAPW_i$  and  $RAPW_i = h(R_c \oplus K_{cus} \oplus h(a_i \oplus PW_i) \oplus T2)$ . As shown in table 1, ‘E’ must

$M1 = (action, V_i) \oplus RAPW_i$ ,  $RAPW_i = h(R_c \oplus K_{cus} \oplus h(a_i \oplus PW_i) \oplus T2)$ . To compute  $M1$ , ‘E’ prerequisite  $K_{cus}, R_c, a_i, PW_i$ . As discussed in [7,8]. It is not possible to guess four unknown values in polynomial time by an attacker. (An attacker can guess only password, assuming it is a low entropy one. Apart from password  $PW_i$ , it is not possible to guess any value which is more than 16 bits). Hence ‘E’ cannot reframe a valid login message to impersonate  $C_i$ . In second scenario, during ‘action’ execution phase, as shown in the fig1,  $C_i$  sends  $\{ID_i, M1, M3\}$  to  $data\_node\_id$ . To frame a valid  $M1, M3$ , the attacker ‘E’ requires  $S.K_{UD}$ , which is not possible to intercept or guess by an attacker. Hence, our scheme successfully resists user impersonation attack.

know  $K_{cus}, R_c, a_i, action, V_i$  to perform guessing attack on unknown  $PW_i$ . It is impossible for ‘E’ to guess or intercept the above mentioned values. Hence, we can conclude that our scheme resists password guessing attack.

#### 3.5 Counter to Stolen Verifier Attack

In our scheme, the user server  $US_j$  stores the  $PW_i$  in a hashed format i.e  $A_i = APW_i \oplus h(X || K_{cus} || ID_i) = h(a_i \oplus PW_i) \oplus h(X || K_{cus} || ID_i)$  not as a plain text. Hence, it is impossible for an insider to compute the  $C_i$  password. If an insider steals the password verifier  $A_i$ , to compute  $APW_i$ , ‘E’ requires  $h(X || K_{cus} || ID_i)$  where ‘X’ is the server long term key,  $K_{cus}$  is the symmetric key shared between  $C_i$  and  $US_j$ . It is computationally infeasible for ‘E’ to compute or intercept these values. Therefore, we can confirm that our scheme is resistant to stolen verifier attack.

#### 3.6 Achieves Strong Mutual Authentication

As discussed above, each communicating party i.e  $C_i, US_j$  and datanode authenticates each other on receiving the message from the corresponding entities. In (A4) of user authentication phase,  $US_j$  authenticates  $C_i$ . In (A15) of action initiation phase,  $CH_k$  authenticates  $US_j$ . In (A18) of action initiation phase,  $US_j$  authenticates  $CH_k$ . In (AE4) of action execution phase,  $C_i$  authenticates  $US_j$ . In (AE9) and (AE10) datanode authenticates  $C_i$  and  $US_j$ . In (AE13),  $C_i$  authenticates data node. Hence, in our scheme, all the communicating entities will authenticate each other. Therefore we can conclude that our scheme provides strong mutual authentication.

### 3.7 Counters Namenode bypass attack (Authorization)

As discussed in (AE9) of 'Action' execution phase, to process any 'action' request from  $C_i$ , the data node cross checks the action request from  $C_i$  with the data it received from  $CH_k$ . If both are valid, then only the data node proceeds. If there is no 'action' intimation message from  $CH_k$  to data node corresponding to  $(ID_i || R_{dn} || R_c || action)$  combination, data node rejects the request. If  $C_i$  or attacker replays the message, as discussed in (AE14), based on 'Status' flag, data node rejects the request. Hence, in our framework it is impossible for an attacker or legal user to bypass the name node.

### 3.8 Counters Eavesdropping/Passive attack

As discussed above, all the communication messages exchanged in our framework are XORed with hash value. As shown in the table 1, the hash values can be computed only by the intended recipients and impossible for attackers. Hence, even though the attackers sniff the data, he cannot retrieve the actual content or modify it. In our scheme, the communication messages are designed such that, the attacker must guess or intercept more than one value which are 128 bits length to compute one unknown value. This is impossible in linear polynomial time [7,8]. Hence, we can conclude that, our framework resists all major cryptographic attacks.

## 4. COST and SECURITY ANALYSIS

In this section we analyze communication and computation cost required by our framework and we compare the same with recently proposed security framework by Rahul et al [1]. Similar to widely accepted [7], we are also considering the identity, random/arbitrary numbers, symmetric keys and time stamps are of 128 bits. i.e  $ID_i, R_c, a_i, R_{dn}$ , the keys i.e  $K_{cus}, K_{sch}, K_{sdn}$ , the timestamps  $T1, T2, T3$  are 128 bits long. The output of hash function is 128-bit.  $H, EX, E, D$  denote the time complexity for hash function, exponential operation, symmetric key encryption and decryption respectively. The communication cost in client login stage =  $\{ID_i, M1, T2\} = 128 + 128 + 128 = 384$  bits. The communication cost in 'action' initiation phase =  $\{ID_i, ID_{us}, MUS_i, R_{dn}\}, \{ID_{us}, MCH_i\} = \{128 + 128 + 128 + 128\}, \{128 + 128\} = 768$  bits. The communication cost in 'action' execution phase =  $\{M1, M2\}, \{ID_i, M1, M3\}, \{ID_i, M4\} = \{128 + 128\}, \{128 + 128 + 128\}, \{128 + 128\} = 896$ . Total communication cost =  $384 + 768 + 896 = 2048$  bits. The cost comparison of the proposed user authentication and authorization framework for HDFS with very recently proposed Rahul et al scheme our framework requires only 14H compared to 101H by Rahul et al framework. Our framework reduced almost 87H operations. Similarly, the communication cost also reduced drastically.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this manuscript, we have proposed first of its kind of secure and light weight authentication and authorization framework for HDFS. The proposed framework resolves the existing security issues in HDFS like authentication, authorization and name node bypassing etc, which are critical for outsourcing the sensitive enterprise data to cloud. One more positive side of our framework is that the computation and communication cost are negligible, as we have used only light weight hash and XOR operations, compared to heavy weight encryption, exponentiation operations as in similar works discussed.

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